Supplemental Material

Ambient Air Pollution and Apnea and Bradycardia in High-Risk Infants on Home Monitors

Jennifer L. Peel¹, Mitchel Klein^{2,3}, W. Dana Flanders³, James A. Mulholland⁴, Gary Freed^{5,6}, Paige E. Tolbert^{2,3}

¹ Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

² Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

³ Department of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

⁴ School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology

⁵ Division of Neonatology, School of Medicine, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

⁶ The Apnea Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston, Atlanta, Georgia

Supplemental Material Table 1. Results for GEE unconditional logistic regression analyses examining the association of daily ambient air pollution levels (average of lag 0 and 1) and apnea and bradycardia events in infants on home cardiorespiratory monitors; includes only downloads periods during which the monitor was used 100% of the days, 8/1/1998- 12/31/2002. Apnea analysis includes 1985 subjects, 7066 apnea days, and 71,560 total days; bradycardia analysis includes 3299 subjects, 23,276 bradycardia days, and 97,773 total days.

	•	Apnea		Bradycardia	
Pollutant	Unit ^a	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI
8-h ozone	25 ppb	1.030	0.977, 1.086	1.046	1.015, 1.078
1-h nitrogen dioxide	20 ppb	1.011	0.967, 1.056	1.034	1.006, 1.062
1-h carbon monoxide	1 ppm	0.999	0.970, 1.030	1.008	0.990, 1.026
1-h sulfur dioxide	20 ppb	0.986	0.945, 1.030	1.001	0.975, 1.011
24-h oxygenated hydrocarbons	15 ppb	1.009	0.962, 1.058	1.015	0.988, 1.044
24-h PM ₁₀	$10 \mu \text{g/m}^3$	1.004	0.975, 1.033	0.993	0.975, 1.011
24-h coarse PM	$5 \mu g/m^3$	1.006	0.973, 1.039	1.007	0.987, 1.027
24-h PM _{2.5}	$10 \mu \text{g/m}^3$	1.006	0.968, 1.045	0.985	0.962, 1.008
24-h PM _{2.5} sulfate	$5 \mu g/m^3$	0.979	0.918, 1.044	0.982	0.947, 1.019
24-h PM _{2.5} elemental carbon	$1 \mu g/m^3$	1.008	0.981, 1.035	1.001	0.985, 1.016
24-h PM _{2.5} organic carbon	$2 \mu g/m^3$	1.005	0.978, 1.032	0.996	0.980, 1.012
24-h PM _{2.5} water-soluble metals	$0.03 \ \mu g/m^3$	0.969	0.918, 1.022	1.002	0.971, 1.033

Abbreviations: OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; PM, particulate matter

^a Approximately 1 standard deviation

Supplemental Material Table 2. Results of subgroup analyses examining the association between daily ambient air pollution and apnea and bradycardia events in infants on home monitors, 8/1/1998- 12/31/2002.

			Apnea		Bradycardia	
Pollutant	Analysis ^a	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	
8-h ozone	Primary analysis	1.036	0.987, 1.088	1.049	1.021, 1.078	
	Premature/LBW	1.019	0.955, 1.088	1.028	0.993, 1.064	
	Full term/NBW	0.927	0.755, 1.139	1.056	0.921, 1.210	
1-h nitrogen dioxide	Primary analysis	1.011	0.972, 1.052	1.025	1.000, 1.050	
	Premature/LBW	1.003	0.951, 1.059	1.022	0.991, 1.054	
	Full term/NBW	1.053	0.915, 1.213	0.981	0.875, 1.099	
1-h carbon monoxide	Primary analysis	0.997	0.971, 1.024	1.000	0.984, 1.016	
	Premature/LBW	0.996	0.962, 1.031	0.998	0.978, 1.019	
	Full term/NBW	1.050	0.952, 1.158	1.020	0.945, 1.102	
1-h sulfur dioxide	Primary analysis	1.002	0.964, 1.042	1.002	0.979, 1.025	
	Premature/LBW	0.997	0.947, 1.051	0.984	0.955, 1.013	
	Full term/NBW	1.043	0.860, 1.265	1.057	0.961, 1.162	
24-h oxygenated hydrocarbons	Primary analysis	1.000	0.958, 1.043	1.010	0.986, 1.035	
	Premature/LBW	0.992	0.937, 1.050	1.021	0.990, 1.052	
	Full term/NBW	1.002	0.844, 1.188	0.973	0.857, 1.106	
24-h PM ₁₀	Primary analysis	1.003	0.977, 1.030	0.995	0.980, 1.011	
	Premature/LBW	0.991	0.955, 1.028	0.985	0.965, 1.005	
	Full term/NBW	1.047	0.946, 1.159	1.038	0.963, 1.118	
24-h coarse PM	Primary analysis	1.007	0.977, 1.037	1.005	0.987, 1.023	
	Premature/LBW	0.996	0.956, 1.039	0.987	0.965, 1.009	
	Full term/NBW	1.003	0.906, 1.111	1.020	0.938, 1.110	
24-h PM _{2.5}	Primary analysis	1.002	0.968, 1.037	0.990	0.969, 1.011	
	Premature/LBW	0.990	0.945, 1.038	0.979	0.953, 1.006	
	Full term/NBW	1.104	0.962, 1.268	1.035	0.927, 1.156	
24-h PM _{2.5} sulfate	Primary analysis	1.001	0.945, 1.061	0.991	0.959, 1.025	
	Premature/LBW	0.984	0.911, 1.062	0.980	0.939, 1.022	
	Full term/NBW	1.020	0.797, 1.307	0.996	0.845, 1.174	
24-h PM _{2.5} elemental carbon	Primary analysis	0.999	0.975, 1.023	0.999	0.985, 1.013	
	Premature/LBW	0.981	0.950, 1.013	0.990	0.972, 1.008	
	Full term/NBW	1.045	0.950, 1.148	1.011	0.939, 1.089	
24-h PM _{2.5} organic carbon	Primary analysis	1.001	0.977, 1.026	0.997	0.982, 1.011	
	Premature/LBW	0.985	0.952, 1.018	0.990	0.972, 1.008	
	Full term/NBW	1.091	1.002, 1.186	1.019	0.951, 1.092	
24-h PM _{2.5}	Primary analysis	0.978	0.931, 1.027	0.997	0.970, 1.025	
water-soluble	Premature/LBW	0.960	0.899, 1.025	0.968	0.934, 1.004	
metals	Full term/NBW	0.993	0.823, 1.199	0.973	0.823, 1.151	
				~- ~		

Abbreviations: OR, odds ratio per standard deviation increase; CI, confidence interval; PM, particulate matter

^aPrimary analysis: entire population; Premature/LBW: infants with gestational age < 37 weeks and birth weight < 2500 grams; Full term/NBW: infants with gestational age > = 37 weeks and normal birth weight > = 2500 grams.